

CSGGA Newsletter

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Virtual Spring Show, 2020

For the last 6 weeks members have entered their Spring Show exhibits online, we have all had to opportunity to vote for their favourite exhibit and we have been publishing the winners in special Virtual Spring Show newsletters. It will not have escaped readers that a few names featured regularly. However, we are only counting the classes from the traditional Spring Show and the Edwards Cup is awarded for the most overall points. We ran two classes for tulips and a class for vegetables twice so there were two winners for these classes and the score for each have been counted. We will be awarding the cup and any monetary prizes when we are able to hold a meeting, which is not



likely to be any time soon according to the Prime Minister's announcement this evening.










As you will see from the table below, Chin Fenton is the overall winner with a score of 33, Ravi Kudhail came second with 21 points and Holly Musson scored 15. Congratulations to all the winners and my thanks to all those who have entered and made it so successful. They also achieve some wins in the classes that were not counted for Edwards Cup and to see all the first three places for the last 5 weeks. Please visit our website www.csgga.org/virtual-spring-show-winning-entries.html As we were counting votes to award places there were times when we had joint winners.

	First	Second	Third
Class 1 Daffodils / Narcissi 1 stem	Chin Fenton	Chin Fenton	Caroline Jackson
Class 2 Daffodils / Narcissi 3 stems	Ravi Kudhail	Lorna Bowden	Mary Bentall Caroline Jackson
Class 3 Miniature Daffodils / Narcissi	Jan Bradley	Caroline Jackson	Margaret Dykes
Class 4 Multi headed Daffodil / Narcissi	Chin Fenton	Chin Fenton	Mary Bentall
Class 5 Tulips 3 blooms/wk 1	Caroline Jackson Ravi Kudhail		Elaine Hoare Holly Musson
Class 5 Tulips 3 blooms/wk 2	Holly Musson	Holly Musson	
Class 5a Single Tulip/wk 1	Briony Wickenden	Ravi Kudhail	Susie Bicknell Ravi Kudhail
Class 5a Single Tulip/wk 2	Briony Wickenden		Chin Fenton Chin Fenton

Class 6 Flowering shrubs and trees	Holly Musson	Ravi Kudhail	Moiya Stroomer
Class 7 Pot of Primulas / Primroses	Holly Musson	Mary Bentall	Ravi Kudhail
Class 8 Petite Flower Arrangement	Ravi Kudhail	Mary Bentall	Susie Bicknell Holly Musson
Class 9 Any other flower	Ravi Kudhail	Mary Bentall	Chin Fenton Holly Musson
Class 10 Rhubarb	Grant Kirkby	Chin Fenton	Alan Clark
Class 11 Any other vegetable	Margaret Dykes Margaret Dykes Chin Fenton		
Class 11 Any other vegetable	Chin Fenton	Chin Fenton	Grant Kirkby
Class 12 Flowering Pot Plant	Jan Bradley	Ravi Kudhail	
Class 13 Foliage Pot Plant	Holly Musson Moiya Stroomer	Jacqui Greenham	
Class 14 Flowers from My Garden	Chin Fenton Holly Musson		Chin Fenton Ravi Kudhail
Class 15 Mixed Foliage in a jug or vase	Chin Fenton Chin Fenton		Holly Musson
Class 16 Cactus or Succulent	Margaret Dykes	Holly Musson	Briony Wickenden Briony Wickenden

For more information, the links to the different classes and guidance see <https://www.csgga.org/virtual-spring-show.html> For a list of the classes to enter this week and to vote for see the end of this Newsletter and **get the camera out!**

And photos of the winners for Round 5 are

 Class 5 1 st Holly Musson	 Class 5a 1 st Briony Wickenden	 Class 12 1 st Jan Bradley
 Class 17e Joint 1 st Chin Fenton	 Class 17e Joint 1 st Ravi Kudhail	 Class 22 1 st Ravi Kudhail
 Class 20 Joint 1 st Holly Musson	 Class 20 Joint 1 st Ravi Kudhail	 Class 20 Joint 1 st Ravi Kudhail

2nd and 3rd places can be found on our website <https://www.csgga.org/virtual-spring-show-winning-entries.html>

M's Action Diary for April

- Lightly cut back alpines such as arabis and aubretia to shape them and promote new growth.
- Keep newly planted trees, shrubs and plants well-watered until established.
- Clip winter-flowering heathers with shears to remove faded flowers and retain shape.
- Stake tall growing perennials before they actually need it.
- Give sedums, phlox and campanula lactiflora the "Chelsea Chop" by cutting back some or all of the growth by a third for shorter, stronger, later flowering growth.
- Hard prune doricums and pulmonarias to remove shoots prone to mildew, encouraging new growth from the base.
- Keep checking for lily beetles and vine weevils, and remove.
- Keep feeding birds (but not peanuts which can choke fledglings) and provide water.

Green Gardening Tip

Not all weeds are bad! Some attract pollinators and others can improve the soil. And most can be composted, which will add nutrients to your soil. To use toxic chemicals to obliterate them is simply not necessary. Persistent weeds such as bindweed and ground elder have to be dug over regularly, removing as much root as possible. Knowing about a weed's habit, biology, persistence and spread will help you to keep on top of it. Garden Organic have detailed information on more than 100 individual weeds, from dandelion to creeping buttercup, bindweed and ground elder. See www.gardenorganic.org.uk/weeds-list

Pop-Up Plant Sales and Seed Matching Service raise nearly £700



Our popular plant sale was to have been held on Saturday 9th May on the Village Green, but, was yet another casualty of the lockdown. However, thanks to enthusiastic volunteers from within our membership we have been able to hold a number of Pop-Up Plant Sales. Peter and Mary Bentall started the ball rolling with plants for sale on the verge outside their house, Caroline Jackson has been holding a number of sales over the last couple of weeks, as well as organising the seed matching service, and Jan Bradley held one in her drive. Plants have been provided both by themselves and other members. Between them they have raised nearly £700 a fantastic sum, which has been donated to support the local food

bank and the CSG Coronavirus Support Network. Many, many thanks to all concerned.

There are still more Pop-Up Sales planned but we don't publicise them because of concerns around social distancing and a fear that too many people might congregate. However, if you would like to know where and when they are likely to be, please email membership@csgga.org Also, we have a number of packets of seeds that can still be planted. Find full details of the seeds and some of the plants available on the website www.csgga.org/seed-matching-and-plant-sale.

Holiday to Suffolk

Sadly, due to the current situation, our holiday to Suffolk will not go ahead this year, but we are planning to offer the same holiday in June next year. Watch this space.

Coronavirus – how to get help in Chalfont St Giles

The COVID-19 crisis is affecting our residents and many do not have a local support network to assist during self-isolation and are in need of help. This network has been established to provide support for Chalfont St Giles residents by Chalfont St Giles residents. See website for details www.csghelpline.co.uk or telephone Louise Chamberlain 07956 190291 or Eleanor O'Connor 07946 629076

- If you can offer some help to your neighbours, they would love to hear from you.

- If you would like to request some assistance, they are here to help you if they can.

The following essential stores in the village and a couple beyond are able to deliver to the self-isolated and vulnerable. Please contact them directly.

Fruits & Roots Tel. 01494 871042

Stratton Bakery Tel. 01494 874983

Warners Butchers Tel. 01494 872016

Yaldens Tel. 01494 872219

The Deli Tel. 01494 871099

Wells Farm Dairy Tel. 01785 780072

The Ivy House 01494 872184 (fruit, veg & meat boxes) The Hatchery Farm Shop 01494 670109

If you live outside Chalfont St Giles, please don't hesitate to contact one of the committee, and we will do our best to find you some support, if you need it.

Virtual Spring Show - continued

ENTRIES - Week beginning 10th May, 2020 – voting starts 17th May

[Class 17 g - A Plant that gave you joy](#)

[Class 28 - The Promise of Things to Come](#)

[Class 27 - A water feature or pond](#)

[Class 29 - My Favourite Tree](#)

[Class 30 - Vegetable Patch or Pot of Mixed Vegetables](#) min 2 varieties

[Class 31 - A Rose, own foliage displayed in a vase](#)

Voting - Week beginning 10th May, 2020

[Class 14b Flowers from my Garden, displayed in a vase or jug](#)

[Class 17f Any plant that gave you joy](#)

[Class 23 My favourite flower border](#)

[Class 24 A Colourful container or basket](#)

[Class 25 Flying Visitors to the Garden \(winged variety\)](#)

[Class 26 Herbs in my Garden - 1 or more varieties](#)

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New Committee members are always welcome. We are a friendly bunch! Please contact a committee member to find out more if you're interested in joining us.

Dates for the Diary

We do hope that we will be able to organise these visits, but they are currently on hold but it seems increasingly unlikely we will be able to travel there by coach.

National Memorial Arboretum, Staffs, and Hill Close Gardens, Warwick

Saturday 25th July 2020

Our summer visit to the National Memorial Arboretum includes entry to the Plant Hunters Fair, followed by a visit to the restored Victorian Hill Close Gardens in Warwick: two unique and unusual venues.

The Beth Chatto Gardens, Colchester Thursday 20th August

An opportunity to visit Beth Chatto's inspirational garden at the height of summer, showing what becomes possible when you work with nature rather than against it.

Full details in the Garden Visits and Outing brochure – please contact Eleanor O'Connor, if you don't have a copy.